



2004 Prioritized Needs Assessment Report

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OUT-OF-HOME PREVENTION PROGRAMS											
Wraparound Services (SB163 & Title IVE)	Provides intensive in-home supportive wraparound services designed as an alternative to RCL level 10-14 placements. Includes Wraparound Foster Care.	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	M	✓	Substantial fiscal and social impact. Would dramatically increase County Foster Care expenditures, would result in out-of-county placements and child–family separation and put SLO County out of compliance with ASFA requirements.
Individualized Behavioral Services (IBS)	IBS provides TBS type, intensive in-home counseling support to non-MediCal eligible children.	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	H	✓	Program due to be eliminated in 2004/05. Will increase out-of-county, out-of-home placements, foster care expenditures and family disruptions.
Intensive Home-Based Mental Health Services	SB3015 Program. Mental Health Services provides intensive mental health services to prevent out-of-home placement.	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	H	✓	Governor’s budget proposes to cut this program. \$250,000 cut to Mental Health, results in \$1 million loss due to high leveraging ability with funds. Loss of this funding will not only result in program services loss, but loss of numerous other mental health programs funded through leveraging. Will result in increased out-of-home placements and increased foster care costs.
Mental Health Intensive School Base Services	Vicente Intensive Mental Health School Program (formerly Day Treatment). Critical school program for allowing emotionally disturbed youth/children to remain in home–in county.	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	M	✓	Program loss will result in an increase in out-of-county, out-of-home placements and increases in county foster care costs.

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CHDP - Public Health Nurses	Provides registered nurses to assure foster children/youth are receiving proper, required medical and dental services, including physical & dental assessments, immunizations, and treatment. They also assure that medical information is tracked and follows the child during changes of placement.			X	X			C	H	✓	2/3 of staff have been cut. Loss will impact healthcare of foster children and their access to services.
COMMUNITY BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAMS											
SAFE (Includes former Healthy Start Sites)	The SAFE System of Care is a school-linked, family- and child-centered, strength based approach which brings service providers together at one location to serve families as a team. SAFE is unique in that it is linked to and supported by the local school and SAFE practice includes the family and their support network in the problem-solving process. There are currently seven sites operating in the county, funded through agency budgets and supplemental grant funding, all of which is declining in the coming years.	X	X	X	X	X	X	R	H	✓	<p>SAFE could lose six Mental Health interns in 2004-05, severely limiting prevention and early intervention services through individual, group and family counseling currently being provided at these sites. In addition, the number of Family Advocate positions will be reduced in the South County, another crucial prevention and early intervention, revenue-generating service. The plan to expand SAFE services into every region of the County will be interrupted without additional funding.</p> <p>If SAFE is dismantled it will be a tremendous loss for the schools and the community. SAFE is not "just another government program" but a commitment to community-based services. The ability to engage families where they live, and foster self-sufficiency would be lost. While service providers would continue the team approach, the ability to quickly contact and consult other providers will be lost. SAFE has demonstrated positive outcomes for case-managed families and needs to be preserved. Absent SAFE services, there will be a loss of regionalized, easily accessed services, an increase in out of home placements and associated county costs.</p>

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Child Abuse Offender Program	Pursuant to 273.1 of the Penal Code, any defendant convicted of child abuse is to enter a treatment program, approved by the probation department, which must include specific a specific treatment regimen as outlined by the code.	X	X			X		C	H		The elimination of state TANF funds to Probation Departments puts this program in jeopardy. The impact would be no child abuse defendants program in San Luis Obispo County that meets the legal requirements, and that significantly impacts families by reducing and preventing further child abuse.
Mental Health Outpatient Services	Community based mental health services.	X	X	X	X	X		C	H	✓	Three of eight therapists positions have already been cut. Further cuts could close regional mental health clinics. Will eliminate or reduce regional access to mental health care and potentially create waiting list or time lags in receiving services.
Youth & Family Drug & Alcohol Services	Community based D&A counseling and prevention services.	X	X	X	X	X		C	H	✓	Staffing in this treatment program for high risk youth and their families will be cut 60% resulting in a closure of the program in our SLO center and a partial reduction in program resources in our Atascadero center. These reductions are the result of program cuts from 2.5 to 1.5 FTE.
Youth Treatment Program (YTP)	YTP is a nine bed, RCL 12 group home, serving SLO County youth ages 11-17. County Mental Health currently funds 50 hours of weekly therapy and a licensed psych tech to coordinate medications and health care.	X		X	X	X		C	H		The program is at risk of losing their mental health subsidy. Without this augmentation the program could be forced to close or alter their service delivery model. After 7/1/04, this will be the only RCL12 facility in the county. Its closure could result in more youth being placed out-of-county and eliminate of element in our local children's system of care.

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PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS											
School Based Domestic Violence Prevention Project	The Department of Social Services has contracted with both Women Shelter Programs (North and SLO) for several years to provide Domestic Violence Prevention services in schools through-out the county. These services include both domestic and dating violence presentations, and one-on-one and/or group counseling.	X	X	X	X	X		C	H	✓	For 04/05 DSS will not be able to fund these services. Without these school based services to prevent violence or intervene early, the outcomes of safe, in-school and out of trouble are greatly impacted.
Friday Night Live	This program provides youth development and substance abuse prevention services for approximately 3,500 youth in elementary, middle and high schools throughout SLO County.		X	X		X		C	H		FNL has lost 1.0 FTE during FY 03-04, and the position will not be re-instated in the FY 04-05 budget. This translates into a loss of approximately 600 youth who will not receive services
Healthy Kids Initiative	The First 5 Commission initiated a proposal to establish universal health care for children in our county through the Healthy Kids initiative, to increase positive outcomes and decrease the overall cost of care. This has been done successfully in several other California counties.	X		X							According to the 2001 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), conducted by UCLA, there were approximately 3,000 children without health insurance in San Luis Obispo County. This status often results in piecemeal treatment, routine use of emergency room services, poor or nonexistent management of health conditions and poor health outcomes. Without funding, a sizable portion of SLO County children will be at risk of insufficient health care.

Geographic Area: C=County Wide, R=Regional

Cut Risk: H=High, M=Moderate

Fund Leveraging: ✓=currently or potentially leverages additional state or federal dollars